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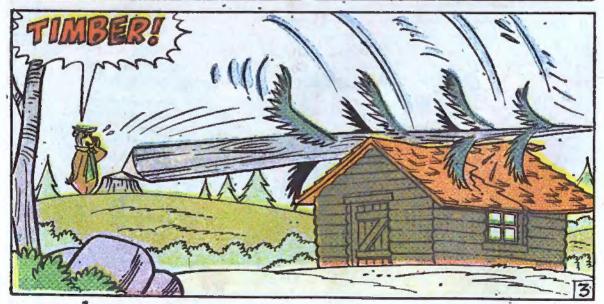












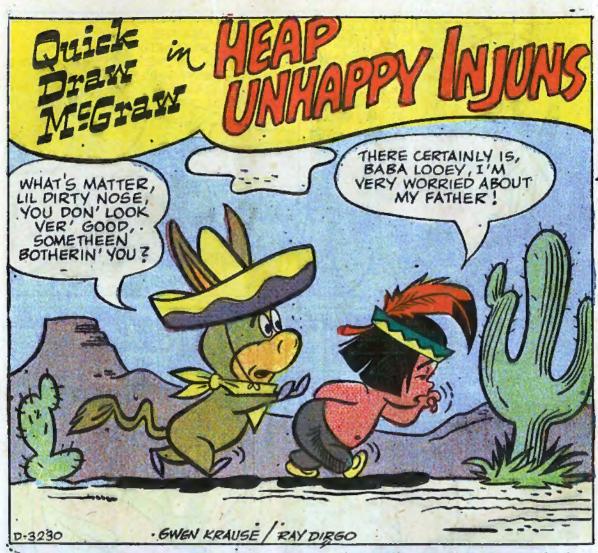












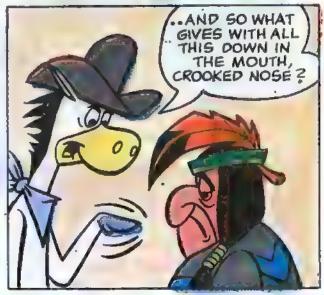




































































For more than thirty years I have taught those darling little children in the grade schools. And I have had a lot of experiences during that time. For one year I was at P.S. 36. Principal was Mrs. Henrietta Lodge. She called me into her office and handed me a small booklet.

"You, will devote Iwenty minutes next Tuesday to teaching about how important care is in order to keep our teeth. You will find suggestions in this booklet. Let me know how the lesson went."

Islanted off the lesson by hanging a chart of our teeth

Nobody will ever get all his teeth back when once

they are lost," I said to the class.

Stephen jumped right out of his seat waving his hand as though it were a windmill. So I told him to ask the question. But it was a statement he made that almost tuined my lesson.

"Not so! Not so! My uncle Philip lost all his upper teeth and all his bottom teeth. And now he has the

came teeth back again. How come?"

Quickly I thought of implanting of teeth. Maybe it was that situation. I wanted to know more. And

Stenhen explained the matter.

My untile Philip went fishing on a boat. He became crasick. And when he opened his mouth, his upper and lower plates popped out of his mouth. Right into the water, it took almost an hour. But men with nets looked for his teeth. They found them. So you see it can be that way. He doesn't go fishing any more."

I took a piece of chalk and went to the blackboard.

There I wrote the word "plate" and next to it the word

"denture."

"The dentist no longer uses the word plate. He uses the word dentuie. Which means that Stephen's uncle had a set of upper and lower dentures."

One look at Mildred's face and I could see that something was bothering her. So I asked her what it was?

"Do you mean that when I go home lorsupper today my mother will serve the meal on dentures?" she asked.

Kids can certainly mix things up. So I patiently explained that the word "denture" was one used in a restricted sense by the dental profession. Maybe 1

should have stopped there. I then wrote the word "filling" and next to it the word "restoration."

"The dentist uses the word restoration today instead of the word filling."

"I saw a restoration yesterday," said Jimmy all excited. "We went to Mackder's Park. They had an old house there from the days of the Revolution. It was restored. And the sign said it was a Restoration."

Was I glad that the principal wasn't in the room observing my lesson! Which in a way I had sort of lost.

Then Ralph had to ask his question:

"Is it true that a shark or a whale has an extra set of teeth handy. So that if he loses one or more teeth, those extra teeth then fit into place?"

I never heard of that. But then, as a teacher, I have to admit that there a lot of things I never heard of. However, in a situation like this I use what is known as "the special assignment technique."

"Ralph," I said. "That would make a very important report to the class. If you want to do it, go ahead. It is optional on your part. If you do a good report I will give you an A for it."

He never did the report and maybe there are some sharks and whales with missing teeth swimming around. Who knows? I don't!

The next day during "free time", Martha told the class she had written a little poem concerning teeth.

"The eskimo had very good teeth until they began to eat the diet of the white man. So I wrote this little poem which I will now put on the board."

This is what she wrote;

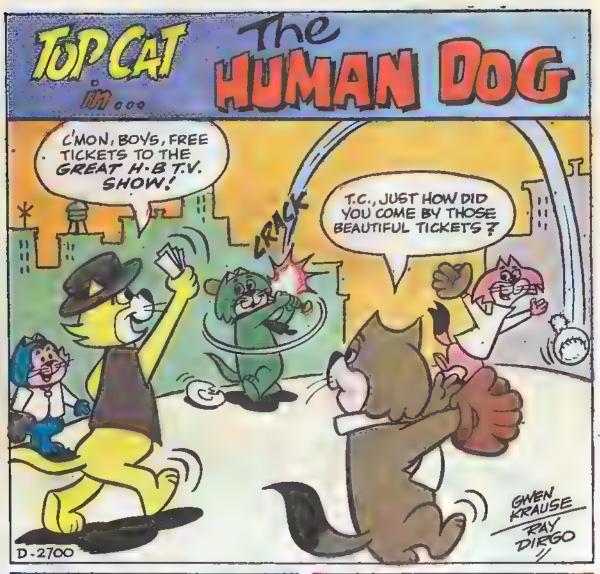
The Eskimo,
Lives in a Land of snow
His teeth once were strong.
But when the white man came,
It really was a shame,

"His teeth all went wrong!

_a Jerry said he had a riddle about teeth: "They say
her teeth are like stars, Why?"

It took Bob to give him the desired answer: "Because they come out at night."

Next time, more about what happens in a school and in my class.





















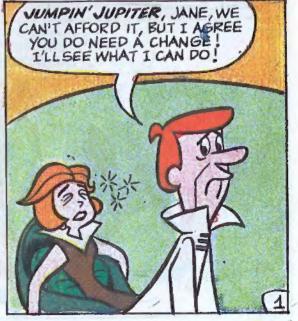














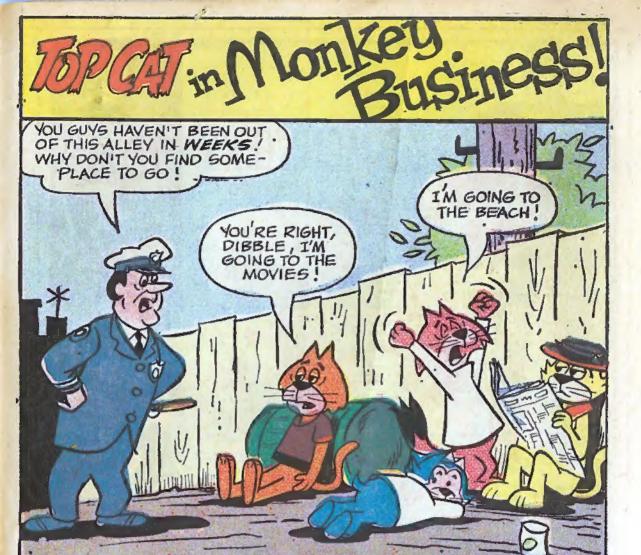














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